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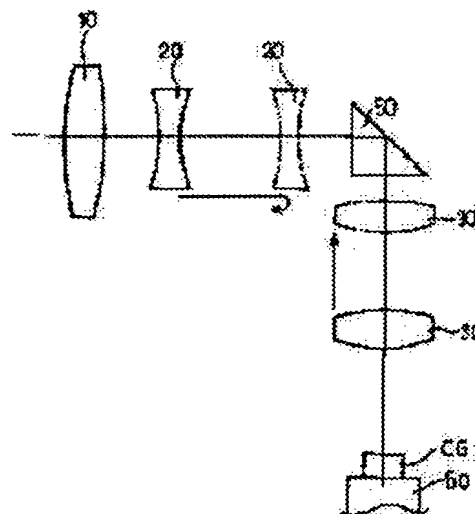
(54) ZOOM LENS SYSTEM

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To make a camera using a zoom lens small in size, especially, size in the depth direction.

SOLUTION: In this zoom lens system constituted of plural lens groups, a prism 50 folding an optical axis is arranged between the lens groups which are moved in the case of zooming. The system satisfies a following conditional expression (1). (1)

$0.8 < D_{min}/2y < 1.5$. In this expression, $D_{min} = D_a + (L_p/N_p) + D_b$, where D_a is the distance obtained when the distance between the lens group just before the prism and the prism is the shortest, L_p is thickness on the optical axis of the prism, N_p is the refractive index of the prism, D_b is a distance obtained when a distance between the prism and the lens group just behind the prism is the shortest, $2y$ is the image size of an optical system ($y = f \times \tan W$, f is the focal distance of an entire system and W is a half viewing angle).



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